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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: TIME REQUIRED BETWEEN
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FROM US REP MBFR

REF: USNATO 1007

1. REFERENCE FORWARDED MBFR WORKING GROUP'S PAPER ON
TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND VERIFY WITHDRAWALS OF
REDUCED FORCES, AND REQUESTED WASHINGTON COMMENTS
THEREON. THIS MESSAGE FORWARDS US DEL COMMENTS FOR
DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION IN FORMULATING REPLY.

2. THE WORKING GROUP'S EXAMINATION OF WITHDRAWALS IS
THOROUGH, AND APPEARS TO INCLUDE ALL MAJOR PLANNING
FACTORS. OF NECESSITY, THE PAPER RELIES HEAVILY ON
BOTH BROAD ASSUMPTIONS AND SUBJECTIVE JUDGMENTS;
CONSEQUENTLY THE TIME PERIODS PRESENTED SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED AS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES AT BEST.

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3. THE PAPER'S EXAMINATION OF VERIFICATION TIMES IS

MISLEADING. THE INITIAL SPC GUIDANCE TO THE WORKING GROUP WAS FAULTY, IN THAT IT ASKED, INTER ALIA, FOR THE TIME REQUIRED TO VERIFY THAT FORCES WITHDRAWN WERE NOT BEING REPLACED. THIS ASPECT OF VERIFICATION IS A POST-REDUCTION MONITORING PROBLEM. THIS ACTION BEGINS AFTER THE REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND CONTINUES AS LONG AS THE AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PHASING.

4. DEPARTMENT'S KESPONSE TO REFERENCE MAY WISH TO POINT OUT PROBLEM WITH SPC GUIDANCE AS PERTAINS TO VERIFICA-
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